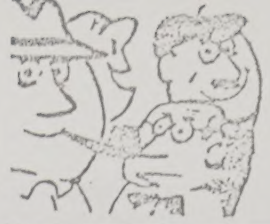


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First official meeting of the Southern Ontario Chapter of C.A.W.M.C. in the Central Library on Yonge St. September 1 1981.

In attendance for the inaugural meeting were the following.

Norm Wells - C-17

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Al Bliman - R-253

Next meeting will be October 6 1981 at the same address as above.

As of August 31 1981 no new members to report.

A new wood has been put out by Jim Harris here is the story on it

Each course would have seperate serial Nos. i.e. the first course of the Year 1981= 1801, the second 8102 & so on

In subsequent Years the serial No would begin With: i.e. 1982= serial 8201, 1983= serial 8301 etc.

Therefore the first two numbers in the serial No. designate the Year that particular course ran and the last two numbers indicate the number of courses that had been run. Serial No 8103= The course ran in 1981 (8103) and it was the third course run that year (8103) Anyone wishing to order these Tokens send 50c and S.A.S.E. to Mr. Jim Harris

Box 437

Borden Ont LOM 1B0

Picture of wood on following page.

Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is \$5 per calendar year & should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce Watt, 1153 Northridge Dr. Oshawa, Ont., L1G 3P3

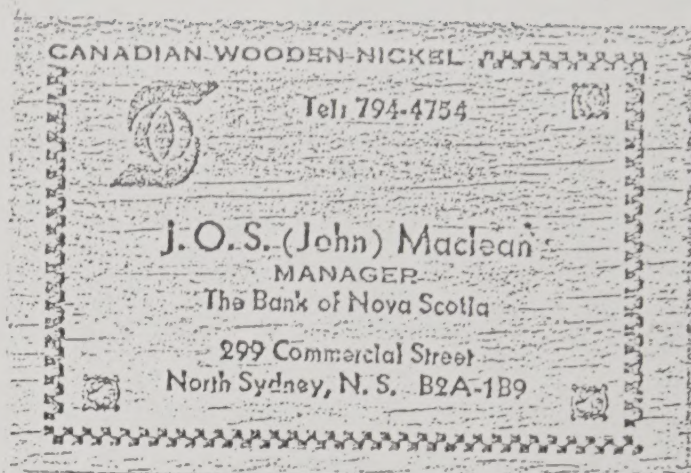
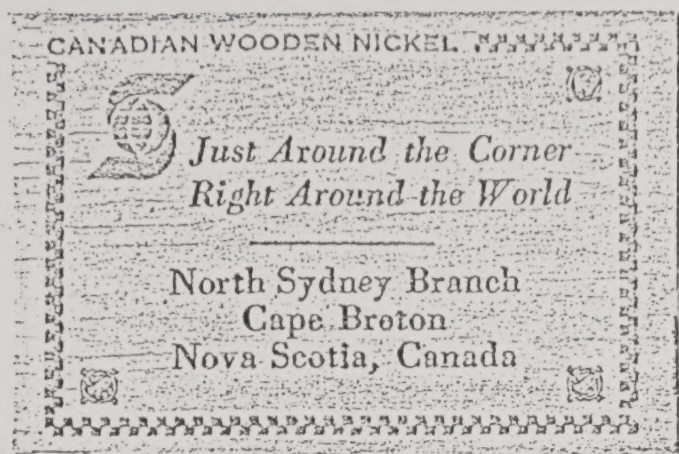
NEW ISSUES

Depicted above is new wood printed by Jim Deluney for the S.L.C. Courses at C.F.B. Borden. Write to Jim for wood. Jim Deluney, 109 Sydenham St., Angus, Ont., L0M1B0. 50¢ each plus S.A.S.E.

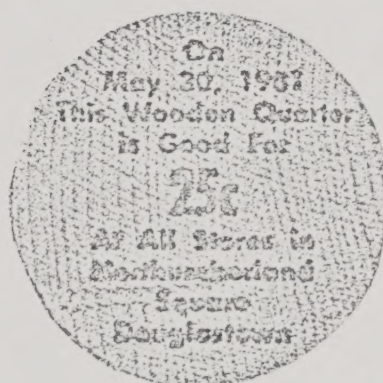


Another wood that was issued at the C.N.A. Convention. Anyone interested in this wood can write to Bill English, Box 4, Waterloo, Ont., N2J3Z2. 50¢ each plus S.A.S.E. Set of two, one red printing and the other in blue printing.

NEW ISSUES



Depicted above is a new wood issued by member John MacLean
1 Blaine Blvd., North Sydney, N.S., B2A1S3.



Another new issue to the left is,
Miramichi Coin Club.



Depicted above is another new wood that was issued at the C.N.A. Convention for the C.A.W.M.C. Annual Meeting Breakfast by President Don Robb. Signed wood was only available for those that attended the breakfast.



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STORY OF NIAGARA'S WOODEN NICKEL - AUTHOR: HELEN SCHULZE

On April 22nd, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, the twin cities of Niagara Falls were aroused by the wail of fire sirens. Flames shot high into the sky from the Maid of the Mist landing on the Canadian side--- both Maid of the Mist boats were flaming like fiery torches.

The news of the fire ravaged "Maids" aroused fond memories of the past for many people on both sides of the International border.

The boats themselves were beyond repair, but much of the wood was salvaged. When this was learned, the "Wooden Nickel" was born as a memorial to these venerable and beloved "Maids", who had been in service since 1885. Made from this salvaged wood, these small simulated coins enjoyed ready acceptance by visitor and resident alike.

Those early wooden nickels had a monetary value of five cents and were available at banks and stores in Niagara Falls, being used in payment for various purchases. The Chamber of Commerce handled the wooden nickels until 1956 when it was discontinued due to increasing costs.

In 1959, the newly formed Niagara Development Committee (now the Niagara Promotion Association) revived this unique item and the "Maid of the Mist" wooden nickels returned as souvenirs. Proceeds from their sales are used by this organization to create special events for the enjoyment of all citizens.

Under the direction of the Niagara Promotion Association, the annual "Blossom Festival" is held for one week in May. A variety of events are featured for the young and not so young. There is the traditional parade (Presently one of the largest in Canada) the Miss "Niagara Hospitality" Beauty Pageant, an International Police Tug of War, gourmet competition, pet shows, and all climaxed with the Ceremonial Blessing of the Blossoms. Throughout the week, the beauty of the hundreds of thousands of blossoms on the peach and apple orchards add their sights and smells to the joy of this wonderful season of the year.

Statistics show that over one half million wooden nickels have been handled since their creation. The Maid of the Mist wooden nickel--- Niagara's most unique souvenir--- is requested by collectors throughout the entire world.

Like the mighty cataracts, these small tokens have their own fame and serve to awaken memories for many visitors from far away places.